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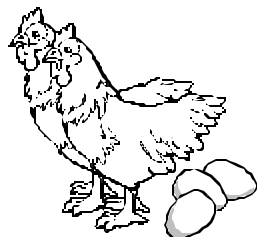
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Early week prices in most areas were unchanged on mediums and higher on the larger sizes. As the week progressed prices continued unchanged on mediums and higher on larger eggs. Trade sentiment was steady on the lighter weights and fully steady to firm on the heavy weights. Demand into all channels ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to close for present requirements. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate offerings. Most breakers were not seeking any additional product at this time. Finished product demand was good for yolk and moderate for whole and whites. Schedules were full-time to overtime to make up for the holiday. Floor stocks fully adequate. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand for the light type fowl continued moderate with offerings burdensome.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	89-94	78-83	66-68
New York	57-61	55-59	44-48
Philadelphia	49-59	48-57	43-46
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	41.5-47	39.5-44	34-37
Jackson (1)	49-51	46-48	42-45
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	52-64	49-59	42-55
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	46-50	44-48	33-37
Detroit (2)	39-44	38-43	33-37
Major Ohio Cities (2)	41-45	40-43	31-35
Major Wisconsin Cities	42-49	41-47	33-38
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	62-64	59-62	52-55
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	81	76	69

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 17-May-02
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	52.21	50.33	45.63
SOUTHERN	47.66	44.91	40.95
MIDWEST	41.85	40.28	34.49
WESTERN	69.98	65.90	60.76
TWELVE METRO AREAS	55.87	53.18	48.08

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	05-21-02	05-14-02	05-22-01
Large	22-25	20-23	33-35
Medium	14-18	14-18	19-21

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 20, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.7	17.1	5.6	11.0	10.3
	Change	0.1	2.3	0.6	2.0	-0.2
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.0	38.9	15.3	26.3	27.8
	Change	-0.4	2.6	-1.4	3.5	0.2
Large	Curr Wk	34.4	91.7	73.7	67.5	109.8
	Change	-6.1	-16.3	0.4	14.4	4.8
Medium	Curr Wk	11.5	39.2	18.0	22.6	23.1
	Change	1.1	-2.5	-2.7	-2.4	-4.2
Small	Curr Wk	5.5	7.9	5.2	5.4	2.2
	Change	0.4	2.5	2.2	1.9	-0.9
Misc	Curr Wk	3.7	17.8	12.5	11.1	6.2
	Change	0.0	-4.3	2.3	-1.1	0.1
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.1	55.9	18.2	27.0	25.7
	Change	-4.6	5.8	-0.1	0.1	1.9
Total	Curr Wk	98.9	268.5	148.5	170.9	205.1
Percent	Change	-9%	-4%	1%	12%	1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	891.9	0%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	280.4	0%	38
Total Shell Egg	1172.3	0%	211

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

NO	SO	SO	5-AREA	
NORTHEAST	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC SUMMARY
108.4	278.4	147.2	152.5	203.4
				889.9

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 18-May-02

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,271,457	29,855	12,690	6,857	3,256	4,481
PW	1,260,490	29,369	12,628	6,786	3,097	4,525
LY	1,167,435	26,823	11,667	6,310	2,359	4,100
% PW	1	2	0	1	5	-1
% LY	9	11	9	9	38	9
2002	23,150,417	536,140	229,855	123,550	55,306	83,220
2001	22,339,198	505,805	227,760	123,840	48,121	80,215
% CHG YTD	4	6	1	0	15	4

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.38	42.29	41.89
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.85	38.70	38.37

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	May 11	May 18	May 11	May 18
	Thousand			
AL	29,988	30,140	22,425	22,595
AR	30,436	31,108	23,986	24,545
DE	3,625	3,736	*6,096	4,473
FL	2,418	2,403	2,160	2,302
GA	32,938	32,835	*26,533	25,826
KY	*6,539	6,698	*5,493	5,326
MD	*10,054	10,053	*5,399	6,407
MS	19,115	19,212	15,569	15,169
NC	19,956	19,865	*15,708	15,565
OK	6,063	6,745	5,395	4,500
PA	*3,609	3,813	*2,777	2,768
SC	4,785	4,805	3,766	3,800
TX	15,513	15,393	12,167	12,202
VA	6,450	6,561	5,211	5,585
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,804	20,743	*18,595	20,183
19 State Total	212,293	214,110	*171,280	171,246
Previous Year Total	*210,727	210,697:	169,409	168,987
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	101	101

Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 29-Jun-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 157.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 158.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.94 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 05/16/02-05/22/02

CURRENT LDS 83.50 FUTURE LDS 57.75 TOTAL LDS 141.25

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	33.29	36.36	30.25	32.00	35.00	36.19	32.00
GNR BR 1	—	37.00	—	32.00	—	—	3.00
GL W XL	—	41.93	37.25	39.16	38.04	—	33.50
GL W LG	—	40.34	35.00	38.83	35.94	—	29.25
GL W MD	25.00	29.50	26.09	28.00	25.67	27.67	21.25
GL W SM	23.50	24.50	23.40	24.80	20.00	—	4.50
NRBS - 50	29.50	31.00	26.67	26.00	—	—	3.25
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.30	28.70	30.86	29.17	30.25
NRBS - 39	21.00	22.50	16.00	18.00	—	17.67	6.50
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	14.50	16.50	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 18-May-02

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	19.5	22.0	-11	-22
BOSTON	3.7	3.3	12	0
CHICAGO	47.0	53.8	-13	18
DETROIT	24.8	30.5	-19	-23
KANSAS CITY	3.3	3.0	10	-21
LOS ANGELES	81.6	85.2	-4	-24
NEW ORLEANS	11.8	13.1	-10	44
NEW YORK	34.6	33.7	3	-3
ST. LOUIS	17.5	15.5	13	-6
SAN FRANCISCO	21.4	19.8	8	9
TOTAL	265.2	279.9	-5	-10
4 WK MVG AVG	268.5			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 18-May-2002

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,929	2,793	44	11	4,777
AVG WT	15.58	35.77	21.76	31.59	27.47
LAST WEEK	2,002	2,781	40	7	4,830
SAME WK YR AGO	2,067	2,689	50	0	4,806
AVG WT	16.31	33.56	23.68	0.00	26.04
TO-DATE/2002	35,988	52,540	864	148	89,540
TO-DATE/2001	39,267	52,736	775	271	93,049

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 18-May-2002

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—				OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		BANDED		AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT		-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
N EAST	730	-6	22.69	(A)	732	22.69	
SATL	840	5	26.32	(A)	842	26.32	
N CENT	2,269	-1	31.56	(A)	2,272	31.56	
S CENT	490	2	22.42	(A)	492	22.42	
WEST	437	-8	22.07	(A)	439	22.07	
U.S. TOTAL	4,766 (B)	-1	27.47	11	4,777	27.47	
TO-DATE							
2002	89,392 (B)			148	89,540		
TO-DATE							
2001	92,778 (B)			271	93,049		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 44,000 for the year 864,000; last year to date 775,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 18-May-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					

HEAD	158,538	1,846	1,280	3,126	423
AVG WT	5.10	3.41	8.15	5.35	6.60
LAST WEEK	158,061	2,008	1,280	3,288	480
SAME WK YR AGO	160,375	1,602	1,460	3,062	487
AVG WT	5.16	3.39	8.04	5.61	6.36

TO-DATE/2002	3,077,610	36,887	26,236	63,123	8,848
TO-DATE/2001	3,026,130	36,436	26,736	63,172	10,039

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.5 million head or 0.5 million head more than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 25-May-02

	CURRENT WEEK 05/25/02(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/18/02
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	164,422(2)	164,052
LT HENS	2,002	2,012
HVY HENS	1,467	1,323
TOTAL	167,891	167,387

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-May-02 is 159.4 million head compared to 162.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.8 million head or 5.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 01-Jun-02 the estimated available is 158.6 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
APRIL			
13	159.4	159.3	100% 5.10
20	160.6	160.5	100% 5.16
27	159.6	160.5	99% 5.01
MAY			
4	159.7	159.6	100% 5.05
11	160.0	160.0	100% 5.24
18	160.5	160.0	100% 5.10
YEAR TO DATE	3115.2	3133.1	99%
MAY	25	159.4	
JUNE	1	158.6	

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 05/20/02-05/25/02

		U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	46.00-49.00	49.62	42	51.44	81
Los Angeles	69.00	66.67	71	64.00	178
New York	51.00-53.00	52.38	24	53.08	46

12-CITY COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
20-May-02	13-May-02	13-May-02	21-May-01
56.77	0.82	55.95	59.57

NUMBER OF LOADS 646

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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**CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/
8-16 LB HENS**

EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	64	64.00	120
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	58-59	59	59.00	120
CENTRAL REGION	58	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 19-May-02	2,296	194,453	75,484
AM 1-May-02	1,788	151,242	71,915
CHG	508	43211	3569
PCT CHG	28	29	5

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of **05/20/02**

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
HEAVY TYPE			
Southeast (1)	6-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.25-10	8.62
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	6.5-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9.25	9.06

LIGHT TYPE

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. **05/17/02**

Eastern (1)	0-0
Eastern (2)	0-0
So. Central (2)	TFEWR*
No. Central (1)	TFEWR*
No. Central (2)	0

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*TFEWR - Too Few to Report

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

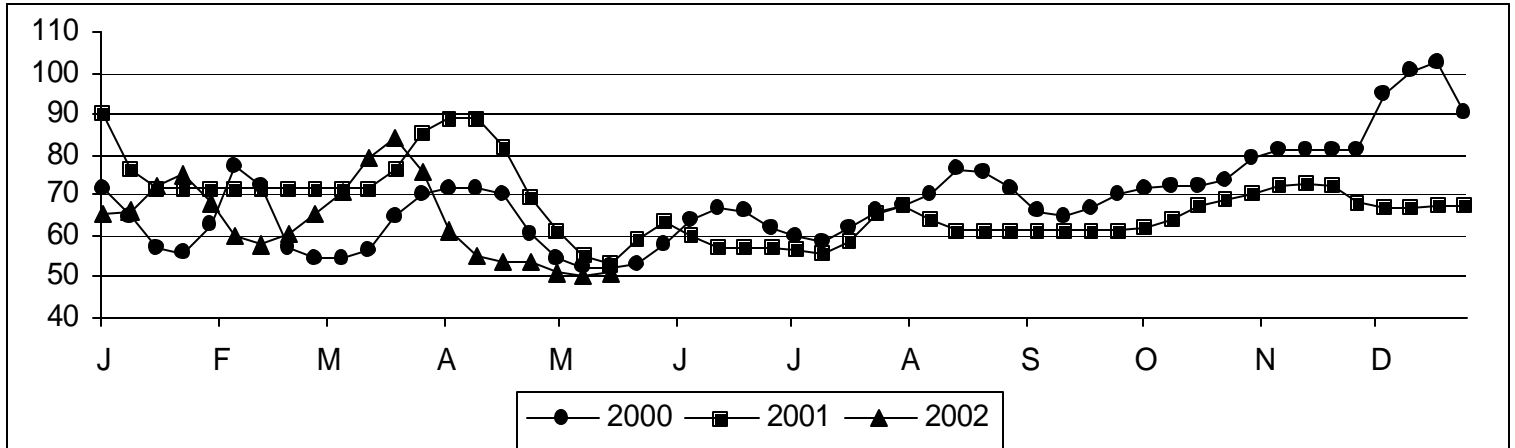
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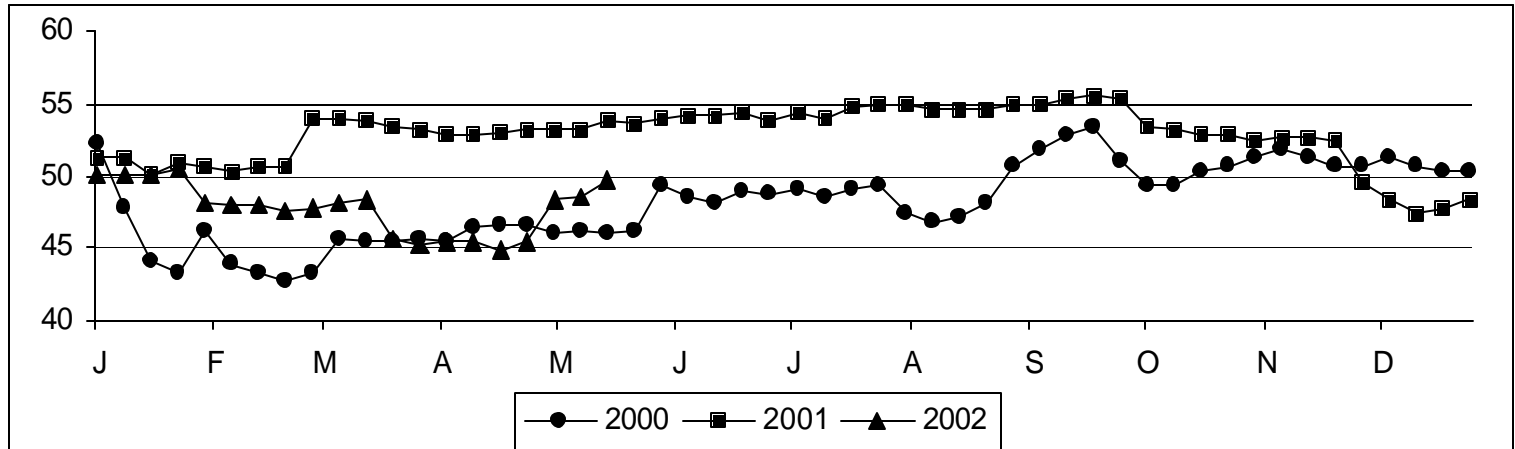
REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	217.5	1	1
E.N. CENTRAL	458.1	-8	-9
W.N. CENTRAL	253.0	-3	-14
S. ATLANTIC	126.0	1	0
S. CENTRAL	60.9	-4	-3
WEST	147.9	-15	-20
TOTAL	1263.4	-6	-9
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		89	88

New York Large Weekly Average Price

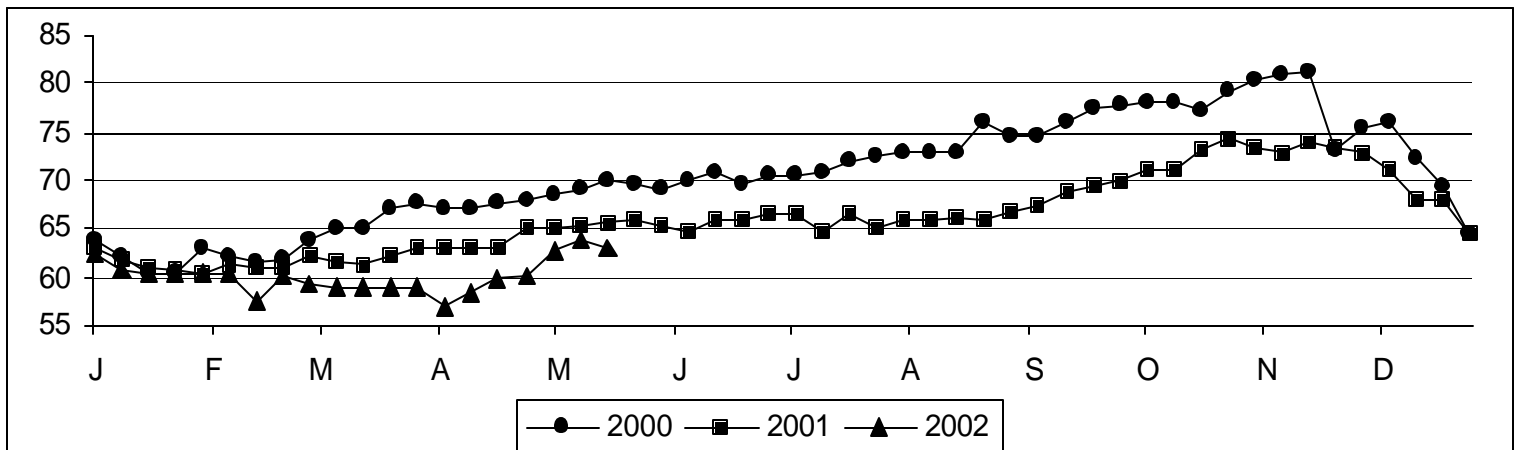
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**Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices**

Cents per Pound

**Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys**

Cents per Pound

**Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only**

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